

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. A method of ordering material, comprising:
2 considering the quantity of material available from a plurality of suppliers
3 identifying a supplier to receive an order for material; and
4 sending electronically an order for material to the supplier identified to receive
5 the order.

1 2. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the material is not ordered
2 until a manufacturer realizes a demand, wherein the manufacturer realizes the demand
3 for the material after orders are received from customers, fulfilling the orders
4 requiring assembling products, assembling the products requiring the material.

1 3. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the order for material is sent
2 electronically to a supplier logistics center, the supplier logistics center receiving
3 material from a supplier.

1 4. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the manufacturer takes title
2 to the material after the material is shipped by the supplier.

1 5. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the order requires delivery
2 of the material within a specified period of time.

1 6. The method as recited in claim 5, wherein the specified period of time
2 is less than one day.

1 7. A method of assembling a computer system, comprising:
2 considering the quantity of material available from a plurality of suppliers;
3 identifying a supplier to receive an order for materials;
4 ordering material from the supplier identified to receive the order; and
5 assembling the computer system at the assembly facility from material
6 received at the assembly facility.

1 8. The method as recited in claim 7, wherein the material is ordered after
2 a manufacturer realizes a demand, wherein the manufacturer realizes the demand for
3 the material after orders are received from customers, fulfilling the orders requiring
4 assembling products, assembling the products requiring the material ordered.

1 9. The method as recited in claim 7, wherein the material is ordered from
2 a supplier logistic center, wherein the supplier logistics center receives material from a
3 supplier.

1 10. The method as recited in claim 7, wherein the manufacturer takes
2 ownership of the material after the material is shipped by the supplier.

1 11. The method as recited in claim 7, wherein the order specifies delivery
2 of the material within a specified period of time.

1 12. The method as recited in claim 11, wherein the specified period of time
2 is less than one day.

1 13. A method of manufacturing a computer system, comprising:
2 considering the quantity of material available from a plurality of suppliers
3 identifying a supplier to receive an order for material;
4 sending electronically an order for material to the supplier identified to receive
5 the order; and
6 manufacturing the computer system at a manufacturing facility using material
7 received at the manufacturing facility.

1 14. The method as recited in claim 13, wherein the material is ordered after
2 a demand is realized by the manufacturer, wherein the manufacturer realizes the
3 demand for the material after orders are received from customers, fulfilling the orders
4 requiring assembling products, assembling the products requiring the material.

1 15. The method as recited in claim 13, wherein the material is shipped
2 from a supplier logistics center, wherein the supplier logistics center receives the
3 material from a supplier.

1 16. The method as recited in claim 13, wherein the manufacturer takes title
2 to the material after the material is shipped by the supplier.

1 17. The method as recited in claim 13, wherein the order requires delivery
2 of the material within a specified period of time.

1 18. The method as recited in claim 15, wherein the specified period of time
2 is 1 day.

1 19. A computer system, wherein the computer system is assembled by a
2 method, the method comprising:
3 considering the quantity of material available from a plurality of suppliers
4 identifying a supplier to receive an order for material;
5 sending electronically an order for material to the supplier identified to receive
6 the order; and
7 assembling the computer at the assembly facility.

1 20. The computer system as recited in claim 19, wherein the material is
2 shipped from a supplier logistics center, wherein the supplier logistics center receives
3 the material from a supplier.

1 21. The method as recited in claim 19, wherein the manufacturer takes title
2 to the material after the material is shipped by the supplier.

1 22. The computer system as recited in claim 19, wherein the order is sent
2 electronically after a demand is realized by the manufacturer, wherein the
3 manufacturer realizes the demand for the material after an order is received from a
4 customer, fulfilling the order requiring assembling a products, assembling a products
5 requiring the material.

1 23. The computer system as recited in claim 22, wherein the demand is
2 realized by developing a schedule for a manufacturing facility, the order automatically
3 generated by the schedule.

1 24. The computer system as recited in claim 23, wherein the order requires
2 delivery of the material within a specified period of time.

1 25. The computer system as recited in claim 24, wherein the specified period
2 of time is less than 1 day.

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